Discontinuing Board Examination

†2144. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to discontinue board examination of tenth standard is under consideration of Central Board of Secondary Education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether approval of this proposal is likely to have a negative impact on the students; and

(d) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

IITs in the country

2145. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of IITs in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the committee constituted to set up new IITs in the country by upgrading promising academic institutions has since submitted its report;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(d) whether Government have received any request from Himachal Pradesh for upgradation of some of their institutions into IITs; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The number of

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